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By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, petition of Peter J. Larkin and others relative to the Community College Workforce Training Incentive Program. Higher Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKFORCE TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 15F  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:  
4 Section 15F. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the com-  
5 monwealth to encourage public community college training  
6 opportunities in order to promote workforce development, mini-  
7 mize the shortage of skilled workers and raise economic opportu-  
8 nity. To further this policy, there is hereby established a matching  
9 incentive grant program, subject to appropriation, to be known as  
10 the community college workforce training incentive program. The  
11 board of higher education shall establish guidelines for the distrib-  
12 ution of community college workforce training incentive grants;  
13 provided, however, that said guidelines shall provide: (i) allow-  
14 able incentive grant awards which shall not exceed \$200 for every  
15 \$1,000 in eligible revenues; and (ii) minimum requirements for

16 level of credit or not-for-credit vocationally-oriented instruction  
17 which shall be provided by incentive grant recipients in the fiscal  
18 year in which such grant is awarded. For the purposes of this  
19 section, eligible revenues shall be defined as revenues by a com-  
20 munity college for one of the following purposes: tuition and fees  
21 shared by students and their Massachusetts employers in credit or  
22 not-for-credit vocationally-oriented courses; tuition and fees paid  
23 by students enrolled in not-for-credit vocationally-oriented  
24 courses; tuition and fees paid by Massachusetts employers on  
25 behalf of employees enrolled in credit or not-for-credit vocation-  
26 ally-oriented courses; and revenues from service contracts with  
27 Massachusetts employers to provide credit or not-for-credit voca-  
28 tionally-oriented training. Revenues from contracts with public  
29 agencies, public grants or private gifts shall not be considered eli-  
30 gible revenues for the purpose of this section. Incentive grants  
31 shall be expended for the following purposes: to expand credit or  
32 not-for-credit vocationally-oriented course offerings; to expand  
33 credit or not-for-credit vocationally-oriented instruction provided  
34 through contracts with Massachusetts employers; and the other-  
35 wise promote credit or not-for-credit vocationally-oriented  
36 instruction. The total aggregate amount of incentive grants  
37 awarded by the board shall not exceed \$2,500,000 in any fiscal  
38 year. Each community college campus shall report not later than  
39 December 31, annually, to the board of higher education, the  
40 house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint  
41 committee on education, arts and humanities, on the level of credit  
42 or not-for-credit vocationally-oriented instruction provided in the  
43 preceding fiscal year and the anticipated level of such instruction  
44 in the current fiscal year. Said report shall detail enrollment levels,  
45 revenues received, sources of revenues, the number of service  
46 contracts established with Massachusetts employers and such  
47 other information as the board of higher education may require.